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DEPARTMENT FOR A/FBO; A/OC; A/SY: ARA/MGT; MONTEVIDEO FOR
CEO-T; RIO FOR RTO; PANAMA FOR RSS AND MARINE CO COMPANY D:
TEL AVIV FOR CRO HENDERSON

3.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ABLD, ACOM, ASEC
SUBJECT: MOVE TO NOB/BAIRES #1

REF: BUENOS AIRES 1889

1. THE NOB BUENOS AIRES WILL BE READY FOR OCCUPANCY ON
JUNE 1, 1977. MOVEMENT TO THE CHANCERY WILL TAKE PLACE
BEGINNING ON JUNE 1 AND CONTINUE THROUGH JUNE 6, 1977.

2. IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT WORK WILL CONTINUE AFTER THE
MOVE BUT IT CAN NO LONGER BE DELAYED BACause THE NEW
OWNERS OF THE PRESENT CHANCERY ARE DEMANDING WE RETURN
THE BUILDING. FYI: OUR LEASE EXPIRED 12/31/76 BUT
PREVIOUS OWNER GRANTED AMONTHLY EXTENSION TO 3/31/77 WITH
UNDERSTANDING THAT WE MAY REMAIN IN BUILDING THROUGH JUNE 30,
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1977. NEW OWNER HAS HONORED EXTENSION TO 3/31/77 BUT WILL RAISE
RENT FOR PERIOD 5/1/77 THROUGH 6/30/77 AND HAS STATED THAT ANY
CONTINUACE AFTER 6/30/77 WILL BE AT EXHORBITANT RATES.

3. ALL ELEMENTS AT POST HAVE AGREED THAT BUILDING WILL BE
USABLE BY 6/1/77 THOUGH SOME CONSTRUCTION WILL CONTINUE, THAT
IS:

A. LANDSCAPING
B. PERMENENT EXTERIOR LIGHTING
C. DRAPERIES AND TRACKS
D. MINOR PAINTING AND TOUCH-UP
E. FINAL BALANCING OF HVAC SYSTEM
F. FINAL CONSTRUCTION DETAILS ON THE SY MODIFICATIONS TO
MAIN AND CNSULAR LOBBIES.

4. FOR CEO-T AND OC: THE TELEPHONES MUST BE INSTALLED AND
TESTED PRIOR TO MOVE. (ATO LEASE LINE MUST BE AVAILABLE TWO
WEEKS PRIOR TO MOVE) BLOUNT ESTIMATED THAT THIS WILL TAKE
MINIMUM OF SIX WEEKS SO THIS WORK MUST BEGIN AT ONCE. WE HAVE
ALREADY PASSED SCHEDULED INSTALLATION START DATE OF 3/1/77 BY
THREE WEEKS.

5. FOR ATO: WE INTEND TO MOVE ALL DIPLOMATIC OPERATIONS ON
WEEK-END OF JUNE 4. COMMUNICATIONS MUST BE TRANSFERABLE ON
JUNE 4 OR 5.

6. FOR USIA: USIS PRINT SHOP WILL BE MOVED AT THE EARLIEST
DATE OBTAINABLE FROM MOVER AS OF JUNE 1 ON. OTHER USIS
TECHNICAL INSTALLATIONS WILL BE MOVED AT THE EARLIEST DATE THEY
CAN BE DISMANTLED AND PREPARED FOR MOVE WHICH SHOULD BEGIN JUNE 1.
TDY WIRELESS FILE AND AUDIO-VISUAL TECHNICIANS WILL BE REQUESTED
DEPENDENT ON THOSE DATES. WE HOPE TO HAVE THIS HAPPEN AS CLOSE
TO JUNE 1 AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE EMBASSY LEASE EXPRES JUNE 30, 1977.

7. FOR RSS AND RTO: WE REALIZE THAT THE INSTALLATION OF
SECURITY ALARMS AND COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEMS PROBABLY CANNOT
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BE COMPLETED BY 6/1/77 BUT GIVEN GENERAL SECURITY PROBLEMS IN
BUENOS AIRES, THIS WORK WHOULD PROCEE WITH AHIGH PRIORITY.
WHAT MUST BE SCHEDULED IS THE KNOCK-DOWN AND REASSEMBLY OF THE
ACR ROOM FOR WEEK-END OF 6/4/77.

8. FOR OC: REQUEST TDY ASSISTANCE OF CEO-R AND CEO/C FOR
CHECK-OUT OF EQUIPMENT (I.E., RADIOS, HW-08'S, ETC.) AFTER
MOVE AND INSTALLATIONS OF RADIO CONTROL ROOM EQUIPMENT AND
ROOF ANTENNAS. THESE INDIVIDUALS SHOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR
ARRIVAL LATE MAY. RECOMMEND ANS STRONGLY URGE THAT REPLACEMENT
CRO, E. WAYNE HENERSON, ARRIVE BUENOS AIRES APPROXIMATELY
MID-MAY ON DIRECT TRANSFER LIEU JULY ETA. MR. HENDERSON WOULD,
OR COURSE, BE ALLOWED HOME LEAVE ON A DEFERREDBBASIS. REQUEST
FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN THIS RECOMMENDATION.

9. FOR SY: WE WILL NEED 10 EXTRA MARINES FROM MAY 30 TOJUNE 12
TO MAINTAIN SECURITY AT TWO LOCATIONS. REFTEL REQUESTS THE
PERMANENT ASSIGNEMNT OF A RESIDENT SEABEE. THIS IS IN ADDTION
TO COMSEC ALREADY ON BOARD. PLEASE GIVE THIS SERIOUS AND

URGENT CONSIDERATION. THE PROPOSED TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT FOR THIS POST FULLY JUSTIFIES THE POSITION.

10. FOR ARA/MGT: POST REQUESTS TDY ASSISTANCE OF AN EXPERIENCED GSO. WE WOULD PREFERABLY HAVE THIS START ASAP AND CONTINUE THROUGH 6/30/77 BUT TDY TOUR SHOULD BEGIN ON LATER THAN 5/1/77. PLEASE NOTE THAT U.N. WATER CONFERENCE HAS COMMANDED MOST OF OUR RESOURCES DURING THIS CRUCIAL TIME FOR PLANNING. WE WILL BE PLAYING A CATCH-UP GAME WHEN THE MOVE WILL DEMAND ALMOST ALL OF OUR GSO RESOURCES. ALSO, WE WILL BE TRYING TO DO THIS DURING THE USUAL SUMMER TRANSFERS AND A PROBABLY CHANGE OF AMBASSADORS. DEPENDING ON PAST EXPERIENCE OF TDY GSO, HE WILL EITHER BE FULLY DEDICATED TO MOVE OR WILL BE ACTING GSO TO RELIEVE DUNCAN FOR FULL TIMEMOVE ACTIVITIES.

11. THIS WILL BE FIRST IN SERIOUSOF CABLE ON THE MOVE. THEY WILL ALL HAVE THE SAME SUBJECT BUT WILL BE NUMBERED SERIALY UNCLASSIFIED

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TO DIFFERENTIATE THEM. ARA/MGT AND A/FBO WILL BE SENT ALL CABLES. OTHER ADDRESSEES WILL ONLY RECEIVE MESSAGES PERTAINING TO THEIR ACTIVITIES.
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